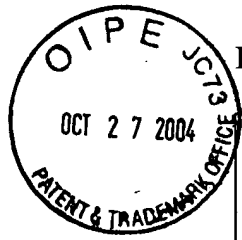


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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 31 of this paper.